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U-2 [REDACTED] MISSION C248C

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JUSTIFICATION

This mission is in response to the USIB requirement for photographic coverage of high priority targets in the Formosa Strait. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The 303 Committee has approved two photographic missions for the month of November 1968. This U-2 aircraft, [REDACTED] will remain 20 NM off the Communist China mainland.

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TARGET DATA

This mission has been designed to cover 30 priority COMIREX targets in the Formosa Strait. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] These COMIREX targets include five airfields, fifteen army military complexes, seven naval installations, two electronic sites, and one coastal defense site.

PREVIOUS COVERAGE

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25X1D The last U-2 flight near this area was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The most recent satellite photography which covered segments of the targets include the following:

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OPERATIONAL DATA

DISTANCE : 1627 NM  
TIME : 4+30  
T/O FUEL : 1020 GALS  
HI CONE : 180 GALS  
PROFILE : MAX ALT  
TAKE OFF TIME : 0130Z 24 November 1968  
2030 23 November 1968 Wash., D.C. Time

VULNERABILITY ESTIMATE

No confirmed operational surface-to-air missile sites are known to be within lethal range of the flight path. The nearest known SAM site is approximately 40 NM from the projected route of the aircraft. The mission aircraft will come within range of the seven MIG-21s located at Wuhu Airfield.

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